



## **News From Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of California**

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### **SOLIS PRESENTS \$417,000 TO AZUSA HEALTH CENTER**

**AZUSA, CA-**Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) presented a \$417,000 check to the city of Azusa for the Azusa Health Center, a Project of El Proyecto del Barrio. Solis secured the grant through the Omnibus Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 (Public Law 108-447).

The funding will be used to renovate the clinic in order to increase the number of exam rooms and the number of clients who can be served. In light of the major cuts to health services, the Azusa Health Center provides critically needed medical services to the community. The event gathered families, community members, patients, health care providers, city council members and city leaders.

“With health care costs rising, the Azusa Health Center provides a vital source of affordable health care for our community,” said Congresswoman Solis. “I will continue to work in Congress to secure the necessary funds to make sure that every resident I represent has access to affordable, high-quality health care.”

After 70 years of serving the community, the Azusa Health Center was closed in 2002 due to a severe budget crisis in Los Angeles County. It was reopened by the city of Azusa and El Proyecto del Barrio. Approximately 1 in 3 residents in the surrounding community lack health insurance and unemployment rates are extremely high.

The \$417,000 includes \$320,000 Solis secured through the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 and \$97,000 she secured from the Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005.

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